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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,040,000 head as of November 1, 2009. The latest inventory was up 8 percent from October 1, 2009 and up 8 percent from the 960,000 on feed on November 1, 2008. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 160,000 head of fed cattle during October 2009. This was 3 percent above September 2009 marketings of 155,000 head and 7 percent above a year ago. An estimated 245,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during October, even with a year ago but down 6 percent from the September 2009 placements of 260,000. Of the number placed in October, 20 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 18 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 37 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for October, at 5,000 head, was unchanged from October 2008 and September 2009.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on November 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.47 million, 1 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.42 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 615,000, 600-699 pounds were 645,000, 700-799 pounds were 579,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 635,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2008. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during October, 12 percent below 2008.